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Parma, December 30, *N. S.*

YEsterday was performed, with great Solemnity, the Ceremony of taking the Oath of Allegiance and Fidelity to Don Carlos, by the Communities of the Dutchies of Parma and Placentia. For that Purpose, the most Serene Dutchess Dowager Dorothea of Parma, as Co-Tutress during the Minority of Don Carlos, made her Entry into this City at the Gate of St. Michael. The March began by Foot-Guards and a Detachment of Horse Guards; then came the Dutchess in her Coach and Six, her Halberdiers walking on each Side of the Coach. She was followed by a Body of Horse-Guards, with their Trumpets and Kettle-Drums. Then came General Count Stampa, the Emperour's Plenipotentiary, in a Coach and Six; and next to him in a Coach and Six Count Zambeccari, Envoy and Plenipotentiary for this Occasion from the Grand Duke of Tuscany, as Co-Tutor or joint Guardian with the Dutchess Dowager to the Infante Don Carlos. They were followed by several Coaches and Six with the Officers and Ladies of the Dutchess's Court, and after them by three other Coaches and Six, and a Company of Militia closed the March. Last, came the Coaches of the Nobility. While the March was through the principal Street, the Artillery of the Castle fired. Being come to the Ducal Palace, they entered the great Hall, at the upper End of which was a Canopy, having two Pictures under it, that of the Emperour on the Right Hand, and that of the Infante on the Left. At a little Distance before the Canopy, the Dutchess Dowager took her Seat in an Elbow Chair, as did Count Stampa on her Right Hand, and Count Zambeccari on her Left: And at some Distance before them a Table was placed for the Imperial Secretary Sig. Piccaluga; and Seats were placed on each Side of the Hall for the Governor of Parma and the other Magistrates of this City, as also for the Deputies from all the Communities, according to their respective Ranks; and the Nobility, who were invited to see the Ceremony, had a convenient Place for themselves. The said Deputies advancing in Order to the Table, the Imperial Secretary administred the Oath to them in the following Terms.

WE, in our own Name, and in that of the Communities, by whom we are constituted for this Purpose their special Deputies, Delegates, and Procurators, as also in the Name of our Heirs and Descendants in all and every of the Cities, Castles, Towns, Villages, and Districts of the Dutchies of Parma and Placentia, do, upon our Souls, and those of our Heirs and Descendants, promise and swear to Almighty God, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the Saints, that we will henceforth acknowledge, as we now actually acknowledge, the most Serene Lord and Prince Don Carlos, the Royal Infante of Spain, as the Vassal of his Sacred Imperial Majesty and of the Holy Roman Empire, although absent, yet as present, and his Successors and eldest Male Descendants born in lawful Marriage, or to be so born, to be our true, lawful, and actual Lords and Princes, and Possessors of these Imperial Dutchies of Parma and Placentia; and that we will always be their faithful, right, true, sincere, and obedient Vassals and Subjects; that we will dutifully receive all their Commands, and faithfully and readily obey them, as we are bound to do; that we will never be present or Partakers in any Consultation, Combination, Counsel, Design, Conspiracy, or Enterprize, in any of which any thing may be concerted or form'd against the said most Serene Lord and Prince Don Carlos, his Successors, and lawful eldest Male Descendants, or any of their Officers or Magistrates, or against his or their Properties, Rights, Person or Persons, Dignity, Safety, Interest, or Authority; that we will not ourselves commit, nor suffer others to commit any thing that may tend to the Damage, Detriment, or Prejudice of his or their Properties, Rights, Person or Persons, Honour, Dignity, Safety, or Authority; but on the contrary, if it should come to our Knowledge that any thing above-mentioned should be imagined, proposed, contrived, attempted, done, and committed by any Person whatsoever, against the said most Serene Lord and Prince Don Carlos, his Successors and lawful eldest Male Descendants, as aforesaid, that we will, with all our Power and Diligence, prevent, hinder, and oppose the same; and will besides, as soon as possible, disclose to our most Serene Lords and Princes themselves whatever we shall know or apprehend to be designed or attempted by others, to the Prejudice of their Possessions, Reputation, or Life: And that we will never conspire, contrive, or attempt any thing against their Safety, Possessions, Honour and Dignity, either by ourselves or others, nor abett others in so doing; that we will perform all necessary and useful Services, either personally or with all our Application, Ability, and Obedience by us so repeatedly here promised